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Appl. No. 09/928,457

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Examiner: PORTNER

For: DNA AND PROTEINS OR PEPTIDES SPECIFIC OF THE NEISSERIA
MENINGITIDIS SPECIES BACTERIA, METHOD FOR OBTAINING THEM AND
THEIR BIOLOGICAL APPLICATIONS

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Monday, January 3, 2005

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**Attention: Tyrone Johnson
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Sir:

RESPONSE

Responsive to the NOTICE REGARDING DRAWINGS dated November 2, 2004, copy attached, submitted herewith are nine (9) sheets of formal drawings. Acceptance of the attached formal drawings is requested.

The applicants note that the drawings filed August 14, 2001 were originally indicated as acceptable by the Examiner in the Notice of Allowability dated September 13, 2004 and that the Issue Fee was paid December 13, 2004.

A Request Pursuant to Rule 48(b)(1) was filed December 29, 2004 and a response thereto is requested.

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A Request Pursuant to Rule 3.81(b) was filed December 29, 2004 and a response thereto is requested.

The Office is requested to issue the present application as a patent without further delay.

Respectfully submitted,

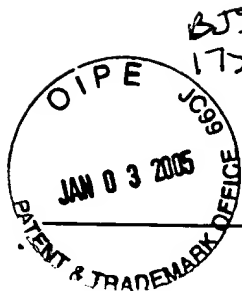
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Notice Regarding Drawings

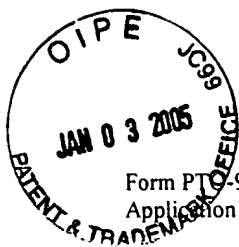
Corrected drawings for the above-identified application, received in the USPTO on 08/14/2001 are still not acceptable for the reason(s) identified on the attached PTO-948. Applicant is given one opportunity to correct the informalities within a two-month time period from the mailing date of this Notice. **THIS TIME PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER EITHER 37 CFR 1.136(a) OR 1.136(b).** Failure to take corrective action within the set period will result in abandonment of the application.

ATTACHMENT: PTO-948 Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Review

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NOTICE OF DRAFTSPERSON'S PATENT DRAWING REVIEW

The drawing(s) filed (insert date) 8/14/01 are:

- A. ☐ approved by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152.
B. ☒ objected to by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152 for the reasons indicated below. Corrected drawings are required.

1. DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.84(a): Acceptable categories of drawings: Black ink or Color (3 sets required).

☐ Color drawings are not acceptable until petition is granted. Fig(s) _____
☐ Pencil and non black ink not permitted. Fig(s) _____

2. PHOTOGRAPHS. 37 CFR 1.84(b)
☐ One (1) full-tone set is required. Fig(s) _____
☐ Photographs may not be mounted. 37 CFR 1.84(e)
☐ Photographs must meet paper size requirements of 37 CFR 1.84(f). Fig(s) _____
☐ Poor quality (half-tone). Fig(s) _____

3. TYPE OF PAPER. 37 CFR 1.84(e)
☐ Paper not flexible, strong, white, and durable.

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Fig(s) 1-11

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☐ 21.6 cm by 27.9 cm (8 1/2 x 11 inches)
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5. MARGINS. 37 CFR 1.84(g): Acceptable margins:
Top 2.5 cm Left 2.5 cm Right 1.5 cm Bottom 1.0 cm

☒ Margins not acceptable. Fig(s) 9, 2, 11
☒ Top (T) _____ Left (L) _____
☐ Right (R) _____ Bottom (B) _____

6. VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(h)

REMINDER: Specification may require revision to correspond to drawing changes, e.g., if Fig. 1 is changed to Fig. 1A, Fig. 1B and Fig. 1C, etc., the specification, at the Brief Description of the Drawings, must likewise be changed.

☐ Views not labeled separately or properly.
Fig(s) _____

7. SECTIONAL VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(h)(3)

☐ Sectional designation should be noted with Arabic or Roman numbers. Fig(s) _____

8. ARRANGEMENT OF VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(i)
☐ Words do not appear on a horizontal, left-to-right fashion when page is either upright or turned so that the top becomes the right side, except for graphs. Fig(s) _____

9. SCALE. 37 CFR 1.84(k)
☐ Scale not large enough to show mechanism without crowding when drawing is reduced in size to two-thirds in reproduction.
Fig(s) _____

10. CHARACTER OF LINES, NUMBERS, & LETTERS. 37 CFR 1.84(l)

☒ Lines, numbers & letters not uniformly thick and well defined, clean, durable, and black (poor line quality). Fig(s) 2

11. SHADING. 37 CFR 1.84(m)

☐ Solid black areas pale. Fig(s) _____
☐ Solid black shading not permitted. Fig(s) _____

12. NUMBERS, LETTERS, & REFERENCE CHARACTERS. 37 CFR 1.84(p)

☒ Numbers and reference characters not plain and legible. Fig(s) 1-11
☐ Figure legends are poor. Fig(s) _____

☒ Numbers and reference characters not oriented in the same direction as the view. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(1)
Fig(s) 4-6

☐ English alphabet not used. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2)
Fig(s) _____

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13. LEAD LINES. 37 CFR 1.84(q)

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14. NUMBERING OF SHEETS OF DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.84(t)

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15. NUMBERING OF VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(u)

☒ Views not numbered consecutively, and in Arabic numerals, beginning with number 1. Fig(s) 13

16. DESIGN DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.152

☐ Surface shading shown not appropriate.
Fig(s) _____
☐ Solid black surface shading is not permitted except when used to represent the color black as well as color contrast. Fig(s) _____

COMMENTS:

Figure legend

Reviewer _____

If you have questions, call (703) 305-8404.

Date 11/2/04

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